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RESPONSE TO NOTICE AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice to Comply issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 25, 2002, each in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Notice and Action run from the original due date of February 25, 2003. On April 25, 2003 a two month extension of time was requested and paid for by Applicants, thereby extending the deadline to respond to April 25, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for an additional One Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge the fee due to the undersigned's Deposit Account, thereby extending the deadline to May 25, 2003. In view of the filing of this Petition

and payment of the fee, a response is now due May 25, 2003. Applicants also attach hereto a Notice of Appeal and authorization to charge the fee due to the undersigned's deposit account. In view of the filing of the enclosed Notice and payment of the fee, the deadline to place the application in condition for allowance or take other action is now July 25, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.